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For: METHODS AND MEANS FOR )  
MODULATING CELLULOSE )  
BIOSYNTHESIS IN FIBER PRODUCING )

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(C)

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Sir:

Applicants hereby Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(c) for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim of priority in the above-identified application under 35 U.S.C. § 119(c) to Provisional Application No. 60/432,674. An Application Data Sheet is submitted herewith.

The captioned application was filed on December 12, 2003. Priority was claimed to Provisional Application No. 60/432,674 in that the transmittal document identified the application as a C.I.P. of Application No. 60/432,674 and in the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed on August 16, 2004.

Applicants submit herewith a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed on August 16, 2004 in which priority was claimed by Applicant to Provisional Application No. 60/432,674. The claim to priority was noted by the Office on the Official Filing Receipt mailed August 11, 2004.

The reference to the prior application required by 37 C.F.R. § 178(b)(3) was unintentionally omitted and no application data sheet appears to have been filed within the time period of 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(b)(4). This omission was unintentional.

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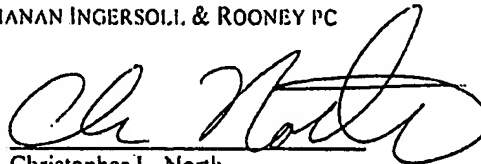
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